



USDA BROILER MARKET NEWS REPORT

ISSN 1522-0567

MONDAY,
DECEMBER 05, 2005
VOL. 52 NO. 145

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service

Poultry Programs

Market News Branch

NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the West, but lower elsewhere when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was light to fair, but slightly better for active retail ads, fast food promotions, and caterers. Supplies were more than sufficient to handle limited trade needs. Weather conditions in the East were being monitored due to possible snow and effects it can have on transportation. In the parts structure, trading was generally light. Supplies of all items were at least adequate or available and frequently discounted. In production areas, live supplies were moderate to heavy; weights were desirable to heavy.

Final Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 05-DEC-2005.

(cents per lb)		US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
AREAS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	61.13	23
Chicago	54.00-57.00	57.20	39 :	59.04	73
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	56.07	21
Denver	78.50	78.25	13 :	78.88	14
Detroit	53.00-56.00	56.25	12 :	61.91	51
Los Angeles	79.00	76.93	58 :	71.71	124
New York	56.00-59.00	58.08	24 :	60.23	55
Philadelphia	55.50-57.00	55.67	12 :	56.41	23
Pittsburgh	55.00-58.00	56.00	12 :	63.67	58
St. Louis	56.00-56.25	55.73	20 :	57.75	35
San Francisco	79.50	78.53	38 :	76.10	84
Composite Weighted Average					
Loads	12/05/05	Change/Last Wk	11/28/05	12/06/04	
561	64.50	-1.53	66.03	67.48	

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	60.00-62.00	60.71	33
Central	49.00-63.00	61.18	72
Western	59.00-69.00	64.53	35
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	68.00-72.00	70.88	90

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 72.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,135	54.00-73.00	70.73
The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:		
	WTD AVG	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	141.50	1,478
BREASTS - B/S	113.00	5,958
BREASTS - WHOLE	63.50	1,518
THIGH MEAT - B/S	95.50	1,066
LEG QUARTERS	34.50	8,474
WINGS	79.50	3,028

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Majority prices were slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Trucklot buying interest was light and unaggressive entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available for current trade needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was limited. The market tone was barely steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to fully adequate. Dark meat cuts were available. Wings were barely adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was about steady to weak. Demand following the weekend was slow to fair with limited trading. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient with heavier weights in the longest position. In the parts structure, movement was mostly fair at best. Availability of all items was at least adequate to ample with discounting noted to help clear. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged from last Monday levels. Trading reported at unchanged prices on regular commitments and mixed on new negotiations. Offerings were adequate on whole body product less than 3.5 pounds and were confidently held, heavier weights were ample. Retailer demand was moderate. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 60.72 up 1.72 with the volume reported at 27 loads up 8 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices decreased from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was barely steady to weak on light interest. Movement was light to good, mostly moderate to fairly good; best for retail ads, fast food promotions and catering operations. Floor stocks were in balance; weights desirable to heavy. Part offerings were moderate to heavy on vaired trade interest. The market tone was steady to barely steady on breast cuts and wings, and weak on dark meat lines.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was slightly better, but generally available and below expectations. Seller offerings were adequate to fully adequate, although 2.5 sizes were tight. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged to 1 cent lower at 56 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was unsettled. In the parts complex, tenders were in balance to adequate for buyer needs. Most other cuts were fully adequate to ample for the light and selective buying interest. Weather conditions were being closely watched due to predictions of snow and its affect on transportation.

***BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA**

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	41-83
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was as mostly light as dealers assessed market conditions as inclement weather conditions were due to hit parts of the Northeast. Offerings of most items were at least adequate to readily available and discounted where product was in excess. Retail and distributive movement was light to no better than fair. The market tone ranged about steady to weak.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		100-105	104.90	454,948
TENDERLOINS		95-100	97.89	70,280
BREAST - WITH RIBS		53-54	69.46	46,760
BREAST - LINE RUN		53	54.24	75,240
LEGS		43-44	43.55	125,000
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		25-26	27.56	178,600
DRUMSTICKS		32-33	44.05	49,800
THIGHS		32-33	43.01	53,080
B/S THIGHS		95-96	88.48	71,560
WINGS (WHOLE)		77-78	75.80	215,100
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		10-12	11.13	16,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		50-55	53.28	7,541
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		70-75	75.28	6,760

INCL: NY CITY METRO, N. NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NE OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,784	87.00-211.00	90-105	105.24
TENDERLOINS	419	72.00-232.00	94-97	94.86
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,123	20.00-27.00	20-24	23.12
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,929	24.00-30.00	24-28	25.26
WINGS (WHOLE)	781	62.00-97.00	70-80	73.69
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,283	20.00-35.00	20-21	20.72

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
	12/05	12/01	12/01	11/28	11/24
Alabama	4,126	3,984	5.32	4,030	Holiday
Arkansas	5,161	5,124	5.27	4,980	Holiday
Delmarva	2,331	2,336	5.70	2,305	Holiday
KY-LA-TN	2,343	2,247	5.05	2,290	Holiday
Mississippi	2,963	3,020	5.59	2,992	Holiday
North Carolina	2,534	2,514	6.73	2,276	Holiday
Texas	2,252	2,420	4.85	2,532	Holiday
Total	21,710	21,645	5.47	21,405	Holiday
Mon	21,710(A)			21,405(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 05-Dec 2005 is estimated to be 32,481,000 up 1.12 percent from a week ago. and up 2.0 percent from a year ago. (last week 32,120,000 last year 31,841,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	675	88.00-145.00	90-95	94.81
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - LINE RUN	150	57.00-68.00	-	61.47
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	128	32.00-58.00	-	36.13
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	615	20.00-30.00	23-24	23.83
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,180	22.00-30.00	25-26	24.73
WINGS (CUT)	227	88.00-95.00	-	92.93
DRUMSTICKS	69	30.00-58.00	-	35.88
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	95	88.00-108.00	-	96.21

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR DECEMBER 05, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
32.50 - 41.00	35.49	37.05

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 05-DEC -TO- 09-DEC-2005

	Price (Cents) Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	89.00 - 113.00	100.00 - 110.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	53.00 - 80.00	57.00 - 62.00
LEGS	43.00 - 49.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	21.00 - 35.00	24.00 - 28.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	27.00 - 37.00	27.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	27.00 - 42.00	-
THIGHS	26.00 - 30.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	63.00 - 91.00	78.00 - 82.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 50.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 70.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	84.5-101.5
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	88-104
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)	
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 95-107
	DRY PACK 114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 100-112
	DRY PACK 118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 90-105
	DRY PACK 109
DUCKS	185-188

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

DECEMBER 02, 2005

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — **PRICES** — **VOLUME** —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	18.00	520,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		18.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	17.00-21.00	14.00-18.00	2,496,000	1,456,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.32	15.40		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00	160,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

DECEMBER 02, 2005

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — **PRICES** — **VOLUME** —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	20.00	61,200	-
WTD AVERAGE		20.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00-18.00	11.00-19.00	1,195,600	564,800
WTD AVERAGE	17.40	14.77		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to no better than moderate for the mostly adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal. Sales of finished product were generally sufficient for current needs. The undertone was steady to about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 05-DEC-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-15.25	12-13	12.49
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were unchanged to slightly lower compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were irregular. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 05-DEC-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15.5	11-13	12.27

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

USDA, AMS, POULTRY PROGRAMS,
POULTRY MARKET NEWS OFFICES

Washington, DC	Voice	(202)720-6911	Mike Sheats
	Fax	(202)720-2403	(Branch Chief)
Atlanta, GA	Voice	(404)562-5850	Johnny Freeman
	Fax	(404)562-5875	(Officer-In-Charge)
Jackson, MS	Voice	(601)965-4662	Gary Brown
	Fax	(601)359-1175	(Southern States Area Supervisor)
Des Moines, IA	Voice	(515)284-4471	Mary L. Adkins
	Fax	(515)284-4468	(Officer-In-Charge)
	Recorded	(515)284-4545	
Long Beach, CA	Voice	(562)388-7337	Jim Derby
	Fax	(562)432-8295	(Officer-In-Charge)
	Recorded	(213)534-1335	